

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

We the people need and demand a independent and competitive media. It has become quite apparent how corporations "filter" (censership) what we see and hear with respect to our government policies.

I still find it hard to accept that during my lifetime I have seen the death of a free american press. I love America, but freedom and democracy are being lost.

Remember, "WE THE PEOPLE" not " We the corporations".

Please keep freedom and democracy alive with public hearings in Ohio concerning media mergers.

BTW, Shame on you for "closed door non-public meetings with special interests.